

Elgin Community College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Arts	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Focus: Music Production Certificate	Major: Audio Arts
Minimum credits at Elgin: 64	Credits completed at Columbia: 56

Degree Information

Audio is an art and a science, and we will train you in both. You'll focus your studies in one of five concentrations: Music Recording, Live Sound Reinforcement, Audiovisual Systems Integration, Audio and Sound Design, or General Audio Arts. Learn more about the concentrations, faculty, and career opportunities at colum.edu/academics/programs/audio-arts.

Admissions & Deadlines

Columbia accepts and reviews applications to our Bachelor of Arts programs on a rolling basis and it is to your advantage to complete your application as early as possible. Use the [Transfer Timeline](#) and [Transfer Checklist](#) to plan your transfer.

Tuition & Scholarships

General Tuition and Fees: colum.edu/tuition

Scholarships and Financial Aid: colum.edu/scholarships

Contact Information

Want to learn more?

Web: colum.edu/transfer

Email: transfer@colum.edu

More Information

Completion of this transfer guide does not guarantee admission to Columbia College Chicago. Additionally, the Columbia semester plan should be considered a guide and all Columbia transfer students should work with their academic advisor to ensure that they are making progress toward graduation.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring are required to complete mission-specific graduation requirements at Columbia: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, 3 credit hours of Columbia Experience coursework, and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

Elgin Community College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

Elgin Community College		Columbia College Chicago	
Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I	
MUS 100 Introduction to Music Theory	2	Collegewide Elective*	
MUS 150 Introduction to Music Production: Listening & FX or MUS 170 Recording Tech I: Recording/Acoustics	3	AUDI 102 Introduction to Audio or AUDI 121 Fundamentals of Audio Production	
MUS 160 Fundamentals of Music Technology	3	Collegewide Elective*	
IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course	3	Humanities course	
IAI Social and Behavioral Sciences course	3	Social Science course	

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	
MTH 104 General Education Mathematics*	3	MATH 120 Quantitative Reasoning	
MUS 104 Musics of the World, MUS 105 Music Appreciation, MUS 145 Hip Hop Music Appreciation, or MUS 146 Rock and Roll Music Appreciation	3	Humanities course	
MUS 150 Introduction to Music Production: Listening & FX or MUS 170 Recording Tech I: Recording/Acoustics	3	AUDI 102 Introduction to Audio or AUDI 121 Fundamentals of Audio Production	
IAI Life Science course***	3-4	Science course	

SEMESTER 3

Elgin Community College		Columbia College Chicago	
Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
CMS 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement	
MUS 128 Theory & Ear Training I or MUS 152 Songwriting	3-4	Collegewide Elective*	
MUS 158 Beat-Making with Ableton Live	3	Collegewide Elective*	
MUS 171 Recording Tech 2: Advanced Recording & Mixing	3	100-Level AUDI Elective	
200-Level IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	200-Level Social Science course	

SEMESTER 4

Elgin Community College		Columbia College Chicago	
Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
MUS 155 Seminar in Music Business	3	Collegewide Elective*	
MUS 172 Recording Tech 3: Mastering & Distribution	3	Collegewide Elective*	
Ensemble	1-2	Collegewide Elective*	
IAI Physical Science course***	3-5	Science course	
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course	
200-Level IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course	3	200-Level Humanities course	

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

64

*Collegewide Electives will be applied to required graduation hours at Columbia College Chicago.

**MTH 104 must be taken to meet math pre-requisite for future AUDI courses at Columbia.

***At least one science course must have a lab component.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
AUDI 103 Audio Theory and Systems	3
AUDI 104 Audio Electronics	2
AUDI 105 Signal Flow and Gain Structure	1
PROG 110 Art of Code	3
Major concentration course	3
Total Credit Hours	12

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
AUDI 202 Studies in Hearing	3
AUDI 301 History of Audio	3
PHYS 215 The Science of Acoustics I	3
Major concentration course	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
Major concentration course	3
Major concentration course	3
Major concentration course	3
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
Major concentration course	3
Major concentration course	3
Major concentration course	3
Major concentration course	3
Collegewide Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Total Degree Credit Hours	120
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